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"For I decided to know
nothing among you
except Jesus Christ
and him crucified."

I Cor. 2:2.

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EXTENSION SUNDAY SCHOOL of the Newton Siding M. B. Church has been leading children to a knowledge of Christ for one year. At the left are the children with their teachers: Miss Lydia Nikkel and Mrs. Esther Dyck, extreme left in the back row, and Dave Froese and Abe Dyck Jr. at extreme right. The school is in the background. At the right are some of the children at a skating party. The happy faces of the children at the top of the ice-slide witness to their joy.

Extension Sunday School Well Received

By Abe Dyck Jr.

Newton Siding, Man. — For nearly a year, it has been the joy and privilege of several Newton M. B. Sunday school teachers to bring the glad news of salvation to children in the West Curtis School area. The Lord has richly blessed our work there, and we praise and thank Him for it.

This Sunday school is an outgrowth of a Friday afternoon religious period held by one of the Sunday school teachers there. These opportunities to bring the Gospel into the schools on Friday afternoons should and could be realized and acted upon by our young people in the provinces where there is such an arrangement. The government of Manitoba has set aside a one-half hour period a week for religious instruction, yet many schools which are open for this kind of work are being neglected because there are no teachers.

The response to the Gospel on these Friday afternoons was heartening and after much prayer and consideration, it was decided to try to organize a regular Sunday school there, to be held on alternate Sundays. Several teachers visited the parents of the district and because very few of the children ever went to church or Sunday school, most parents were willing to send their children. In June, 1958, the first Sunday school classes were held,

with an attendance of over thirty children.

The Lord has been with the work from the beginning, and our prayers have been more than answered. A number of capable, willing Sunday school teachers responded to the call. From the beginning there have been three classes. The beginners and the primaries are together, while there are two junior classes. Bibles were given to those who didn't have them and work books were introduced.

Outside of a few weeks of DVBS most of the children had never heard

of the Gospel, and it was thrilling to see their hunger for the Word of God. The eagerness and the joy of the children during the singing periods was a sight to behold.

For a while during the summer months some children stayed away, but as the people realized that we were there to stay, they sent their children again. During the fall and winter months we often wondered how many would come, but again and again we were put to shame as the children returned Sunday after Sunday, fair weather or not.

How we thank God for giving us the co-operation of the parents.
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Colleges Receive Board Grants

Saskatoon, Sask. — With the merging of the Canadian Mennonite Board of Colonization and the Mennonite Central Relief Committee, which is to be completed this year, Board funds have been distributed to two conference institutions. Both the M. B. Bible College and the Canadian Mennonite Bible College have received \$10,000 grants from the fund, it was announced at the session of the united committee.

Held March 31 to April 2 in Saskatoon, the joint session of the Canadian Mennonite Board of Colonization and the Canadian Mennonite Relief Committee decided that the name of the merged organization should be "Canadian Mennonite Relief and Immigration." Merger of

the two boards had been agreed to by the constituent conferences.

At the sessions Rev. B. B. Janz announced his complete retirement from the committee because of age and ill health. He also wants to work full time on the writing of a book about the 38 years of Mennonite history in which he had an active part.

It was also announced that an English history of the Canadian Mennonite Board of Colonization is being prepared at the present time. Professor B. H. Unruh of Karlsruhe, Germany, asked the committee for aid in printing a book about "Fügung und Führung im Mennonitischen Hilfswerk 1920-1933."

A discouraging note at the sessions of the joint committee was the announcement that there are still unpaid transportation debts totalling \$8,900 resulting from the post-war immigration. Those who have incurred this debt are either paying reluctantly and slowly or not at all.

Rev. Peter J. Dyck, MCC director for Europe, reported to the committee on present relations with Mennonites in Russia. The Soviet Union still is not permitting the reunion of families by emigration of those members desired by family members in Canada and western Europe. Some have returned to Russia from Europe and have been reunited with their families there. At the present time Rev. Dyck is visiting churches in Canada and the United States and giving reports. He will return to Europe on May 9.

Easter Services Held In New Church

By Mrs. V. Nickel

Carrot River, Sask. — Although the dedication services of the New M. B. Gospel Mission chapel have not been held as yet because it is still not finished, we are thankful that we were able to hold our Easter services in our new building.

The auditorium is nearly finished, but much work remains to be done in the basement in order to accommodate the Sunday school which is having a steady growth.

Those of us who have been partaking in the fellowship in the dilapidated old Gospel Mission on Main Street cannot express our gratitude enough to the churches of the Canadian M. B. Conference for their generous contributions for the construction of a new church. God reward you for it. Dedication services will be held when it will be fully completed.

The first service was held in the chapel on Thursday evening, March 26, when the Christians gathered to observe the Lord's supper. The next service was held on Easter Sunday morning, when the Sunday school children brought an Easter program instead of having regular classes. The worship service followed. A capacity crowd was in attendance.

EDITORIAL

A Recurring Problem

Concern is being expressed by some that the traditional authority of the minister and church leadership is being broken down. Again and again the fear is expressed that today's younger generation is not "respecting the elders" as they should.

This is a recurring problem, although it can become more acute at certain periods of history. In the new world, the leveling and democratization strived at in education and in public life is bound to bring changes in the attitude toward the leaders and the ministry. When this is coupled with the traditional revolt of young people against all authority—more freely expressed in the middle teens than at other periods—there is ground for concern. It is up to those who are working with young people—and particularly parents—to try to achieve a proper balance in the attitudes towards others.

It is also true, however, that some persons in positions of leadership are more sensitive to situations expressive of disrespect. They forget that young people are growing—also in their understanding of the need for and purpose of leadership. An apparently radical expression may be merely an attempt to gain one's bearings. Again it may be made in the heat of an argument or discussion without prior consideration. At all times it is highly important that such expressions be met with love and understanding, not denunciation. Time and training in schools—and the school of life—will do much to resolve the problem.

The Apostle Paul has a word for all in this respect. He admonished the Thessalonians to "esteem them highly in love for their work's sake" who laboured among them and admonished them. He reminded the Philippians that they were to "hold such in reputation" who, like Epaphroditus, were willing to "die for the work of Christ." Timothy is told that "the elders that rule well" are to be counted worthy of "double honour." At the same time he established his own authority not on a dictatorial basis, but on the basis of service, honesty and courage. In writing to the wayward Galatians he gave as the basis of his authority his obedience to the calling of Christ, Christ's revelation of the Gospel to him and his suffering for Christ. The Corinthians are reminded of his readiness to suffer for Christ and his incessant labour in the work of the Gospel. He introduces himself to the Romans as a servant of Christ, as an apostle called by God, and as one who is constantly interceding for them.

Our Readers Say

Suggests Column for Teenagers

Dear Editor,

I find the *Mennonite Observer* informative as well as challenging. The devotional column has often been a blessing to me. There are fascinating stories for children as well as an interesting serial story. But one thing I miss is a section for teenagers.

Recently the statement was made by Mr. Harold Dyck that "Personal involvement is essential in solving our problems." The printed page has been a means of reviving churches in the past. For example, it was the *Herald of Truth*, edited by John F. Funk, which helped to transform the (Old) Mennonites of Pennsylvania into a progressive and evangelistic minded church. Why couldn't the *Mennonite Observer* be instrumental in guiding teenagers into active participation in Christian service.

We see that "the children of this world are wiser than the children of light" in this respect. Every daily paper has a column for teenagers where problems are sent in and answered

by an advisor. Radio and television provide opportunity for teenagers to take an active part through request shows for "hit tunes" and through group discussions.

Such activity could be channelled into Christian work if a teenage column were provided in the *Mennonite Observer*. Questions asked by teenagers could be answered authoritatively. Pertinent items such as teenage etiquette, Christian growth, and daily devotional guides could be included. Perhaps it would be a good idea to see how teenagers feel about having their own column.

Sincerely,

Shirley Penner,
Winnipeg, Man.

(Thank you for this letter! We have also been burdened with the needs of the teenagers and have given a column for teenagers a lot of thought. For some time we have been prayerfully looking about for someone who could write such a column, but as yet do not have the personnel. Now we share this prayer concern with you, the readers, and ask for your prayer assistance. Should one of the readers have a

DEVOTIONAL

Faith Is a Journey, Not a Destination

"They continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42).

So says Luke of the thousands who received the Word and were baptized following the preaching of Peter on the day of Pentecost.

Conversion for those first Christians was not a destination; it was the beginning of a journey. And right there is where the Biblical emphasis differs from ours.

Today all is made to depend upon the initial act of believing. At a given moment a "decision" is made for Christ, and after that everything is automatic. This is not taught in so many words, but such is the impression inadvertently created by our failure to lay a scriptural emphasis in our evangelistic preaching. We of the evangelical churches are almost all guilty of this lopsided view of the Christian life, and because the foundations are out of plumb the temple of God leans dangerously and threatens to topple unless some immediate corrections are made.

In our eagerness to make converts we allow our hearers to absorb the idea that they can deal with their entire responsibility once and for all by an act of believing. This is in some vague way supposed to honor grace and glorify God, whereas actually it is to make Christ the author of a grotesque, unworkable system that has no counterpart in the Scriptures of truth.

In the Book of Acts faith was for each believer a beginning, not an end; it was a journey, not a bed in which to lie while waiting for the day of our Lord's triumph. Believing was not a once-done act; it was more than an act, it was an attitude of heart and mind which inspired and enabled the believer to take up his cross and follow the Lamb whithersoever He went.

"They continued," says Luke, and is it not plain that it was only by continuing that they could confirm their faith? On a given day they believed, were baptized and joined themselves to the believing company. Very good, but tomorrow what? and the next day? and the next week? How could anyone know that their conversion had been genuine? How could they live down the critic's charge that they had been pressured into a decision? that they had cracked under the

desire to serve in this field we will be happy to hear from you. Or a reader may want to suggest someone with a burden for teenagers who is mature enough—and yet has enough contact with this group—to write such a column. Teenagers, tell us what you want included in such a column.—Ed.)

psychological squeeze set up by crowds and religious excitement? Obviously there was only one way: They continued.

Not only did they continue, they continued steadfastly. So wrote Luke, and the word "steadfastly" is there to tell us that they continued against serious opposition. Steadfastness is required only when we are under attack, mental or physical, and the story of those early Christians is a story of faith under fire. The opposition was real.

Here again is seen the glaring discrepancy between Biblical Christianity and that of present-day evangelicals, particularly in the United States. In certain countries dominated by Communists or Catholics, I am told, some of our brethren are suffering painful persecution and counting not their lives dear unto themselves that they might win Christ. For these I have only utmost admiration. I speak not of such as they, but of the multitudes of religious weaklings within our evangelical fold here in America.

To make converts here we are forced to play down the difficulties and play up the peace of mind and worldly success enjoyed by those who accept Christ. We must assure our hearers that Christianity is now a proper and respectable thing and that Christ has become quite popular with political bigwigs, well-to-do business tycoons and the Hollywood swimming pool set. Thus assured, hell-deserving sinners are coming in droves to "accept" Christ for what they can get out of Him;

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By A. W. Tozer, Editor, in *The Alliance Witness*.

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Review Foreign Mission Work

Hillsboro, Kans. — The brethren of the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions met for their spring session in Hillsboro from March 11 to 16. During those days the brethren of the Board and office administrative secretariat reviewed the work of the past year and formulated policies and principles for the continuance of the foreign mission ministry.

The spring session is a "review" session. Extensive reports are prepared covering the work on all of the fields and stations. There are also reports regarding literature prepared for the supporting constituency and the ministry of deputation in the churches. These reports together with agenda items constituted a book of 150 typewritten pages. The blessings of the Lord of the harvest in all of these ministries were gratefully acknowledged.

On the other hand, however, there were certain issues and needs which presented themselves as vital concerns for prayer. Among these was the urgent need for additional, qualified missionary personnel. Another prayer concern is the summer slack in financial contributions.

Many matters relating to the work on the various fields were regulated. Many of these will be reflected in the reports in the periodicals and to the conferences.

Several candidates were accepted for the Belgian Congo and European fields. The names of these candid-

ates will be announced later after necessary processing.

The reorganization of the administrative channels at home and abroad was considered. Abroad, an administrative pattern is being sought which is more adaptable in the midst of the rapidly changing circumstances of today's world. Plans are being submitted for evaluation and reaction of the workers on the fields.

Meeting with the brethren for several sessions were representatives of the KMB Foreign Missions Committee. These representatives were the Brethren George L. Clasen and Aaron H. Willems. Principles of procedure for the merger of KMB and M. B. Foreign Missions were discussed and agreed upon.

Provision was made for the medical and retirement needs of the missionary staff. Policies were adopted to provide coverage for medical necessities in service and for the livelihood of workers upon retirement.

The brethren agreed to meet again for another session at Hepburn, Sask., from June 30 to July 2 in connection with meetings of the Study Conference and Canadian Conference. The following schedule for future meetings of the Board was adopted: the fall meetings to begin on Wednesday of the last full week of the month of August and the spring meetings to begin on Wednesday of the last full week of the month of February.

Amalgamation of Sask. Bible Schools Proceeding

Hepburn, Sask. — The first governing council of the amalgamated Bible school board met on January 31 to elect an executive and plan for the future. Forty-seven brethren from the Mennonite Brethren churches and groups in Saskatchewan were present.

Elected chairman at the meeting was Sam Willems of the Brotherhood M. B. Church. Other officers are Jacob Wiens, Beechy, vice-chairman, and C. W. Quiring of Dalmeny, recording secretary. This organization will function until June, when the entire matter will be up for review.

The governing council discussed the question of relocating the Bethany Bible Institute to a more strategic location, referring it back to the executive committee for further study. An alternative would be expansion of the facilities on the present campus, inadequate at the present time.

Another move was to employ the teaching staff for ten months of the year and to enter the staff in a group insurance plan.

At the present time there are 92 students at the Bethany Bible In-

stitute, which receives the support of all the churches in the province since Herbert Bible School ceased operating some years ago.

Bethany Chorus Choir To Tour Valley

Hepburn, Sask. — The Bethany Bible Institute Chorus Choir will visit churches in Alberta and British Columbia immediately after the closing exercises of the institute.

The choir sings at the Linden, Alta., M. B. church on April 21, the Gem M. B. church on April 22, the Kelowna M. B. church on April 24, and tours M. B. churches in the Fraser Valley from April 26 to May 3.

Sunday School Gives Easter Program

Foam Lake, Sask. — The Sunday school of the M. B. Church here presented an Easter program with Isaac Goosen, superintendent, acting as chairman.

The program consisted of choir numbers, quartets, musical items, two short dialogues, recitations and a message by Rev. J. H. Kehler. This program was taken to the Kur-

oki Baptist church the evening of Easter Sunday and presented here in the local church the following evening.

The Easter story has once again brought us renewed joy and hope as our thoughts centred on Christ's resurrection and His return.

Sunrise Service In Cemetery

Chilliwack, B.C. — Bright sunshine and blue skies seemed to smile their approval on the large group of early morning worshippers gathered in the cemetery atop Little Mountain on Easter Sunday. The clear fresh morning air rang with notes of praise from human voices and instruments as well.

The annual service is planned by the Ministerial Association, with Protestant churches from the valley taking part. This year the choir from the Chilliwack M. B. Church sang several songs and the pastor, Rev. I. Tiessen, read the Scripture. Rev. F. Patterson gave the address.

Our hearts rejoiced as we heard again the message, "the wonderfully good news from the grave-yard . . . the most unlikely place from which to expect it."

Joint Good Friday Service

Carrot River, Sask. — The United Church and the M. B. Gospel Mission held a joint service in the United Church on Good Friday morning. A large crowd was in attendance.

Rev. D. W. Potter, pastor of the host church, was in charge. Mrs. Wayne Temple presided at the organ. A male quartet of the Gospel Mission composed of Art Quiring, Henry Loewen, Victor Nickel and Lorne Dyck sang "Lead Me to Calvary." Rev. V. Nickel brought the Good Friday message, choosing for his theme "What Will You Do With Jesus?" He based his message on Matthew 27.

Easter Cantata at Laird

Laird, Sask. — "From Gloom to Glory," an Easter cantata written by Dale Asher Jacobson, was the feature presentation at the evening service of March 27 in the Laird Mennonite church.

The choir consisted of a combination of the Mennonite Brethren and Mennonite Conference church choirs and sang under the direction of Mr. Arnold Fischer. Mrs. Eileen Quiring accompanied on the piano. Soloists were Rudolf Siemens and Arnold Fischer. Rev. Corny Braun, instructor at the Bethany Bible School and pastor of the Laird M. B. Church, gave a short message. A

large audience heard the choir presentation.

On Easter Sunday, Rev. Ben Wall, missionary to Guadeloupe, served in the Laird M. B. church. He stressed the importance of being a servant of Jesus Christ. As an example he took the Apostle Paul (Philippians 1:1-6). His message left a deep impression on all.

That evening the Christian Endeavor was held. Mr. Jerry Heidebrecht brought the message.

Thus ended another Easter celebration. Though the celebrations are over, may the true meaning of Easter linger with us throughout the entire year. May we not worship the Christ on the cross nor the empty tomb but the risen, living and interceding Christ.

Easter Cantata At Carrot River

Carrot River, Sask. — "The Living Redeemer," an Easter cantata in song and story was sung by a group of young people from the Mennonite churches and the M. B. Gospel Mission of Carrot River to an audience of approximately 400 in the town hall Sunday evening, March 22. Rev. Victor Nickel directed the choir, Mrs. Arley Harder presided at the piano, and John Klassen was narrator.

Soloists were John Klassen, tenor, who sang "Gethsemane," Miss Kathy Goertzen, soprano, who sang "He Suffered Alone," Miss Sharon Neath, contralto, who sang "O Hill of Shame," and Ed Balzer, baritone, who sang, "All Hope is Gone."

A trio composed of V. Nickel, Ed Balzer and John Klassen sang "He Is Risen," while five men, V. Nickel, Ed Balzer, John Clasen, Art Quiring and Henry Loewen, sang "The Trial of the King." Miss Ruth Mathies, soprano, sang "O Living Redeemer."

An offering was received to defray the expenses of the hall for the MCC relief work in Korea.

Ladies Gather for Prayer on Good Friday

Kitchener, Ont. — Approximately 50 ladies of the Kitchener M. B. Church and the United Mennonite Church at Waterloo gathered in the M.B. church here on Good Friday afternoon for their annual prayer and testimony meeting.

This is an annual occasion where the ladies gather to share the experiences they have made with the Lord and to unite in intercession.

That evening the choir of the M. B. Church presented a program of 15 Easter songs.

Rev. F. C. Peters, teacher at the M.B. Bible College, served the M. B. Church here in evangelistic services from March 29 to April 5. He also spoke at the program of the A Cappella Choir of the college the evening of Easter Sunday.

In Summer Service

Ministering to Mentally Ill

More than ten million Americans—one in every 16—now suffer from mental disorder. More persons are hospitalized today because of mental illness than for polio, cancer, heart disease, tuberculosis and all other diseases combined.

Most State mental hospitals are understaffed. This is alarming because chances for recovery are so great, opportunities for staff workers therefore are so significant.

Where the best and latest treatment is available, up to 70 per cent of all patients admitted to the average mental hospital are eventually discharged as improved or recovered.

A Challenge

So for the Christian young person seeking to spend a summer usefully in service to God and man here is a wide-open challenge in the realm of mental health.

Hastings State Hospital, located about 10 miles south-east of St. Paul, serves close to 1,500 patients. The cottage arrangement is used. The grounds have numerous trees and large lawns with the cottages in rows on different levels of a hillside.

The Work

Persons participating in the unit will serve as psychiatric aides. That is a rather professional sounding title but it is actually possible for you to render a significant service as an aide even though you may be untrained.

As an aide you are the hospital employee who spends the most time with the patient. Your influence on him therefore plays a very import-

ant part in his recovery. The actual work of an aide is varied. A former unit member writes, "The work varies from combing hair, trimming nails, feeding, bathing, clothing, going for walks (this should be stressed more when time permits!), to giving medications . . . locking and unlocking doors to handing out personal articles. The personal interest one can take means very much to them. Doctors and social workers are much too scarce. Many patients feel they never get a decent chance to have a good talk with an understanding person—so this phase of the work of a psychiatric aide cannot be underestimated."

Working hours depend on the shift in which a person is placed and may vary from week to week. Members of the summer unit usually work on the 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. or the 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. shifts. Work is 40 hours a week with two days a week off. It is usually possible for the entire unit to get at least one or two weekends off together.

Orientation

The period of service begins with an orientation conference in Mountain Lake, Minn. Unit members will be staying with Mennonite families during this period. During the conference such topics as group living, the devotional life, working with the mentally ill, etc., will be dealt with. At the hospital further orientation relating specifically to the work will be given.

If you are interested in such service, please apply to Summer Service, Mennonite Central Committee, Akron, Pa.

Disaster Service in Viet Nam

(MCC workers are particularly gratified when the voluntary service concept catches fire on the local level and people in need are suddenly looked upon as neighbors by their fellowmen. The following incident in Vietnam serves as a good illustration.)

On the morning of February 1, 1959, a fire swept through a small rural village three miles from Saigon. Gone in a few minutes were 42 crudely constructed houses, the homes of 61 families. Someone had been making firecrackers for the coming Vietnamese New Year celebrations and carelessly started a fire which was soon out of control. Some managed to grab a few of their possessions before their homes went up in flames, but these could not provide a roof to protect them from the scorching sun, nor a bed to sleep on at night.

Word of the fire came to a group of Vietnamese university students

who were in the midst of planning a work camp for the New Year vacation which was to begin the following week. The plans were for the camp to be held at Banmethuot, a town in the hills 220 miles north of Saigon. But when news of the fire came and the emergency situation was understood, the students decided to forego the adventure of traveling 200 miles and decided instead to set up camp at the location of the fire. So on the morning of February 12, 25 students converged on the village of Go Vap, and for the next four days took up village life.

Camp Life

The village Buddhist temple became the center of camp activities. Folding cots were set up in the temple right beside the burning incense sticks, the brightly colored figures of the pelican standing upon the turtle and the wood blocks with Chinese characters used as worship aids. A family living beside the

temple generously gave the campers permission to use their large kitchen during the four days of the camp. The open well of the village served as the source of water for both cooking and bathing.

Upon arrival at the camp site, we immediately chose a camp leader and four committees—a K.P. (kitchen police), work, program, and recreation committee.

The schedule provided for six hours of work during the day, with time out for morning and afternoon refreshments and an after-lunch siesta. The evenings were reserved for singing and games as we sat around a kerosene lantern out in the open among the palm and banana trees. Songs from Japan, Viet Nam, America, Palestine, England, and France provided an international spirit.

The last evening, by invitation of the chief of the district, the students gave a program for the villagers. Several hundred were present to hear the students sing, to laugh with them at their skits and to hear explained the meaning of service and the reasons why these students came to help them in their time of disaster.

The Work Project

A fire always leaves a mess of burned timbers, scattered debris and dusty ashes, so the first job was to help the villagers clean up the area. Under the direction of the work committee the students moved in with shovels, baskets, brooms and a wheelbarrow. After one day's work the debris of 42 houses had been carried and swept away.

In order to provide a little shelter one family had hung a large torn canvas over a wire to make a tent, one family stacked nail kegs to hold up a roof made of loosely scattered woven leaves and bamboo sections, another family hung up blankets to provide walls. But these crudely built shelters were only temporary until something better could be built.

One family with exceptional fortitude was a middle-aged woman and her aged mother. With the help of the secretary of the village, this woman was able to cut some trees to serve as the frame of the house. The sides were made of woven bamboo, and the roof "shingled" with woven leaves. The building of this house was largely the work of the campers under the supervision of the village secretary. By evening of the second day the house was finished except for the doors and a few rows on the roof. But the family moved in, and that night again slept with a roof over their heads and four walls to keep out the village dogs.

Clothing Distribution

The last morning of the camp, before our return to Saigon, we held a clothing distribution for all the families who suffered from the fire. Many of the clothes came from the

students who had put on a drive in the university. To these were added clothes from the Mennonite Central Committee, providing enough for 61 families. A list was prepared by the village secretary, and as each name was called the person came forward to receive his gift.

Evaluation

The camp was a very good one for several reasons. First, there were excellent leaders who had participated in many workcamps before. These leaders instilled into all of us the spirit of unselfishness, making clear that the purpose for coming to the village was primarily for service to those in need, and only incidentally for the fun involved. This was clearly shown in their willingness to give not only their time, but clothes and money for the assistance of the villagers.

Another reason for the success of the camp was the nature of the project. It was something urgent, something very obviously needful, something easily showing results. Although the entire project of rebuilding 42 houses could only be started, the completion of one house and the assistance given to another provided a sense of accomplishment.

Also, working side by side with the villagers was of great importance. The students learned to know better the concerns and problems of rural villagers and the villagers discovered that university students are not educated only for selfish reasons.

Three Mennonites on Britain Tour Group

Winnipeg, Man. — Three Mennonites are listed on the 40-member tour group that will visit Great Britain for the three weeks following April 26.

The tour has been arranged by the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce. Mr. D. K. Friesen, Mr. Walter Kropker, and Mr. D. E. Redekop are Mennonite businessmen included in the tour group.

Mr. Samuel Dyck

Samuel Dyck, 55, of Abbotsford, B.C., passed away on March 22 in the Mission General Hospital. Funeral services were held from the Grace EMB church on March 27. Rev. H. Wiebe officiated.

Mr. Dyck was born November 11, 1903, in Corn, Oklahoma. He moved to the Abbotsford district 15 years ago after residence in Saskatchewan. He was married to Miss Sara Hinz in Saskatchewan in 1928.

He is survived by his wife; one son, Mervin; two daughters, Lillian, who left this week for the mission field, and Eileen, at home. Other survivors are his mother, Mrs. Agnes Dyck, Abbotsford; four brothers: Edward Dyck, Abbotsford, and three brothers in the United States and Ontario; and four sisters.

Mennonite Brethren Mission Notes

Efforts to Limit Colombia Work

From the Choco in Colombia comes word that there are again efforts to limit the work of the Gospel in that section. There are demands for the closing of schools and the cessation of all "religious propaganda." These developments are rather disturbing when it appeared greater liberty was in prospect. May we therefore remember this station in our prayers and pray for courage and wisdom for missionaries and national Christians.

Mission Problem

The establishment of Christian homes is one of the burdens of a missionary. From Colombia, Missionary Vernon Reimer reports that in Istmina there is not one home where both husband and wife are converted and baptized. Brother Reimer expresses great concern that homes be dedicated to God so that children may be spiritually nurtured, the church grow and a Christian school firmly established. May we join missionaries in Colombia as well as other missionaries in this prayer concern.

Father Dies

Sister Esther Wiens, Istmina, Colombia, received a cablegram on March 11 informing her of the sudden death of her father, Brother John D. Wiens of Mountain Lake, Minnesota. May the Lord sustain Sister Wiens in the unexpected departure of her dear father.

Acquire Property in Cali

A strategically-situated property has been purchased in the city of Cali, Colombia. The property is to serve as the home of a national church in Cali. The believers in Cali will be transferring to this site and will be assuming responsibility for renovating the building for church purposes. This former school building provides ample facilities for a sanctuary, Sunday school rooms and a Christian day school, should such plans materialize. The property has sufficient ground for playground or part of the ground could be resold for building purposes. Near the property are athletic grounds and a large hospital which will bring many persons by the church. With no established evangelical church in this part of Cali, the entire area of homes is open for evangelization. May the use of this property advance the cause of the Gospel in Cali.

To Return from HCJB

Brother and Sister David Nightingale have found it necessary to request release from their present missionary responsibilities. They have felt led of the Lord to make this request so they would be able to provide their son Teddy with needed medical care. With deep

regret the Board of Foreign Missions accepted their resignation at its recent meeting. The Nightingales have been our pioneers at HCJB radio station in Quito, Ecuador, and have served faithfully and sacrificially in this ministry. May we pray for the welfare of their son Teddy as well as the Lord's further leading in the lives of Brother and Sister Nightingale. The Nightingales plan to return to the homeland at the beginning of June after the close of school. May we also pray that the Lord may reveal a way for our further conference ministry through the German department of HCJB.

To Come on Furlough

Brother and Sister John A. Wiebe are scheduled to leave India from Bombay for furlough in the homeland on May 9.

Pray for Evangelism

Prayer is again requested in behalf of the evangelistic campaign in Neustadt, Germany, planned for April 21 to May 3 with Brother H. H. Janzen as minister. Brother G. H. Jantzen underscores the need for revival in Neustadt. The believers plan to cover the city with invitations for the meetings.

Hospital at Kajiji

A hospital at Kajiji station in the Belgian Congo appears to be assured at this time. This matter has been under consideration and negotiation for several years. The Lord willing, the final contract with the colonial government was to be signed on March 12. Construction was to begin shortly thereafter. Plans of the hospital as finally approved by the government will be shared with the constituency when available.

This action provides medical facilities for the southern area of our Congo field, but more adequate facilities are needed at Kafumba to meet great human needs in the northern area of the field. Here, however, no government subsidies are available since medical facilities are nearby in Kikwit and Gungu. This need is presented for the prayerful consideration of individuals or groups in the constituency. Donations in the form of memorials may be made for the erection of various units for a medical center at Kafumba. A contribution of \$1,500 would erect one unit. Individuals led to consider making such a contribution are invited to correspond with the Board of Foreign Missions Office, 315 South Lincoln, Hillsboro, Kans.

Nurse Transferred

Sister Sarah Peters has transferred from Kajiji station in the Congo to Balaka—a station of Baptist Mid-Missions. She is serving in a dispensary there for a short period.

Brother and Sister Henry Brucks planned to move from Panzi station in the Congo to Kikwit on March 17. Their new address is: Box 81, Kikwit, Belgian Congo. In Kikwit the Brucks will be working with Brother and Sister John B. Kliever in preparation for assuming responsibilities for the legal work and other duties carried on by the Klievers. The Brucks are replacing the Klievers while they will be studying in Belgium and will be on furlough in America.

Special Studies for Nurses

Sister Helen Toews will be extending her stay in Belgium for another year to take a special medical course. Returning to Belgium this summer for the same course will be Sister Sarah Peters. These sisters will be taking a course which will qualify them to be in charge of maternity hospitals on the Congo field.

Enter Professional Studies

Our missionaries in study in Belgium have successfully completed French language studies and have now entered into studies in the professional areas in which they will be working. These missionaries include Brother and Sister Harold Fehderau, Sister Daisy Martens, Brother and Sister Alfred Schmidt and Sister Helen Toews. Thanksgiving is due the Lord for His help

in enabling our missionaries to complete their studies to this point, and prayer is requested for a special measure of grace to them in the studies ahead.

Church Construction

In Japan several church buildings are under construction. Work on the Ishibashi church building is progressing rapidly, and it is hoped it will be completed by midsummer. The Ishibashi church building is being constructed so it will also serve as facilities for the Bible School. A church building is also being erected at Kasugade, and work has started on a house of worship for Amagasaki. The Ishibashi work is in an area where the population is increasing 2,000 persons a year. Several large apartment buildings have been constructed in the area. During the past year there has been an extensive house visitation and personal work emphasis by the Ishibashi believers. The erection of new facilities will be a major step in the possibilities of future expansion. Japanese find it very difficult to accept inadequate facilities as a place of worship. With the large increase of population, the consistent house visitation program and the erection of the new church, 1959 should be a strategic year in the growth and development of the work at Ishibashi. May God grant it.

The Central High School of India

By John A. Wiebe

"But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them" (II Tim. 3:14). Paul writes to the student Timothy and calls attention to the importance of continuing in the things he learned. Education is the discipline of mind and character through study and instruction. It is our school aim to teach students what God would have them be and to direct their minds to do the will of God. We are thankful for the opportunities and challenges in the work of Christian education.

Religious Emphasis Week

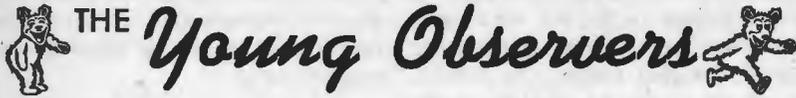
On Saturday, Nov. 22, Brother M. P. James, teacher in Bethany Bible School, Shamshabad, started a series of revival meetings for the high school students. His first message was addressed to a large congregation on Sunday morning. Brother James preached twice a day and always emphasized conversion. We are happy to see some students make open decisions to be followers of Christ. Rev. and Mrs. Gipson and children of the Baptist Mission and Church, Kurnool, joined us on Friday, Nov. 28. Brother Gipson's well-prepared messages were full of admonitions and challenges to students, teachers and Gospel workers who attended the weekend meet-

ings. On Saturday more than 300 went to the large banyan tree three miles north of Mahubnagar for a happy Sunday school picnic. Brother Gipson gave a message to the large group before all enjoyed a good meal of India's staple of curry and rice. It was a time of fellowship under the spreading branches of the banyan tree. The following Sunday the church building was filled to capacity for the closing revival meetings. Mrs. Gipson gave a very challenging message to all who gathered in the afternoon of that Sunday. Earlier in the season we were glad to have a two-day book fair for the school directed by Rev. Souri of Madras. On December 12 the students were helped by an inspiring and timely message by Brother Peter Hamm.

Instruction

The word instruct is derived from the French words meaning "to build." All of our 18 teachers, six women and 12 men, are builders of minds and characters. Two of the 18 teachers are Hindus teaching Telegu and Hindi. Telegu is our medium of instruction. English has again become very popular with the students and is being emphasized in our program of instruction. Hindi is taught in all classes. Sixteen Chris-

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THE Young Observers

Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

Have you a little brother or sister who is just learning to walk? If so, have you ever watched them closely as they tried to keep their balance and at the same time put one foot ahead of the other? Again and again they lose their balance, falling down onto the floor or against a chair or chesterfield. Even when they can take a few steps alone they will fall down many times before they can walk as well as you can. But little children are eager to learn anything new—and soon that little brother or sister is running about the room. He's probably even getting into all kinds of drawers that he shouldn't even open.

This is very much like learning to live like a Christian should. We cannot be perfect all at once. When you let the Lord Jesus into your heart it is just the beginning—and you'll be learning all the rest of your life how to walk as a Christian should. You may fall into sin the first day after you have been born again, but that doesn't mean you are not a Christian any more. It's just that you have to get to know how to walk on the new path. As soon as you ask Jesus for forgiveness you are "up" again and walking along.

The child that is learning to walk will stumble over all sorts of things. And the Christian who is learning to live like Jesus wants him to, will find that Satan puts all kinds of stumbling-blocks in his way. Jesus wants to help us past these stumbling-blocks, but if we should trip up He is willing to forgive if we confess our sin to Him. When we trust Jesus we are in a sense holding His hand so that He can help us over the rough spots. It's when we do not trust Him, when we "let go" of His hand, that we trip up. So trust Him at all times and He will constantly help you.

Love, Aunt Selma

The Sandwich

The students in Grade Five were to begin their arithmetic class soon. Just before the teacher came into the room, the boys decided the day was just dragging and, besides, they hadn't studied for the test they were to have. What should they do?

Here we could mention that their teacher had one peculiarity—he couldn't stand the smell of cheese. The boys always brought sandwiches to eat at recess, but if anyone had a cheese sandwich, the teacher always had it thrown out.

Suddenly one of the boys had an idea. Why not put some cheese between the cracks of the teacher's desk. By the time the thing would be found out, half the period would be over. The boys had just finished, when in walked the teacher!

The teacher stood at the blackboard, chalk in hand, when suddenly a whiff of cheese struck his nostrils.

"Now, who has the cheese sandwich?"

No answer.

"Speak up now."

No one did.

Everyone is to bring out his sandwich for inspection, came the order. All hands went into the desk, even the hands of a little blond fellow, whom the boys had nicknamed Benjamin, because of his small stature.

Just as he was reaching into his desk, he realized he had nothing there. He felt terribly embarrassed, especially when he noticed the teacher was watching him sharply.

"Why don't you let me see your sandwich?"

The little fellow could feel the blood rise in his face. He mumbled, "I didn't get one today." It seemed he would rather have confessed a crime than to admit he had nothing to eat at recess.

For a moment the teacher studied him carefully, then he went to his coat, reached into the pocket for his own sandwich and laid it on Benjamin's desk.

And now something unusual took place. The usually so shy little fellow stood up boldly, and although his face was flaming red, he returned the sandwich and stammered, "Sir, I—I—I can't accept it."

The teacher was greatly surprised, "Why not? Do you think I'll die of undernourishment?" He, too, seemed quite embarrassed.

Benjamin stood his ground. "Well, I can't take it." His eyes filled with tears and he hung his head.

Slowly the teacher came to the boy, laid his hand on the blond head and said, "If I have hurt your feelings, I ask you to forgive me. It wasn't meant that way. But you

needn't feel ashamed to take my sandwich."

Events took another interesting turn. At the last words of the teacher, a fellow next to Benjamin shot up and said, "Excuse me, sir—I think I know—why Benjamin—why he doesn't want to—I mean, can't—" he stopped in confusion. His face flushed darkly. He was the one who a few minutes ago had hidden the cheese in the teacher's desk.

By now the teacher suspected that something was amiss. He was in command of the situation.

"Boys," he said, and his face broke into a reassuring smile. "Boys, it seems to me that you have a confession to make. Out with it, or am I a barbarian or someone whom you fear?"

The whole class sighed with relief. Every boy had the desire to rush forward and grasp the teacher's hand.

The fellow who had committed the misdeed with the cheese made a clean breast of it all. But while he was speaking, others popped up, "He wasn't the only one—I was in it too—And I—And I."

The teacher listened, an amused smile playing on his face. Then his features became stern. Once more he stroked Benjamin's blond head. Then he said simply, "Thank you, boys."

Quickly he went to the farthest window and took quite some time opening it. The boys sat quietly in their places and didn't dare look at him.

The dreaded test was postponed until the following week and for that day they did the usual lesson. More attentive and obedient pupils the teacher had never had.

One Song He Didn't Like

A little boy, six years old, was one day asked to tea by a lady. The little boy's name was George.

After tea the lady showed him pictures, and told him nice stories, and then played on the piano, as he was very fond of music. Presently my friend began to play the hymn beginning:

"I'm thinking of my sins,
What wicked things I've done,
How very naughty I have been,
Although I am so young."

Before many verses had been played, George said: "Please play something else; I don't like that one."

"Why not, George?"

"Well, it is not very comfortable to think about your sins."

"But have you not any sins, then?"

"Oh, yes, lots!"

"And what do you do with your sins, George?"

"Why, I always try to forget them as soon as I can."

You see this little boy tried to cover up his sins with forgetfulness, as some other boy may cover up his sin with a lie. No kind of covering will be of the slightest use, for "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper."

We cannot possibly cover our own sins. God alone can and will cover them with the precious blood of Jesus, which cleanseth from all sin, if we look to Him. That is why the Lord Jesus died on the cross for our sins, because we could not save ourselves.

—The Lifeline

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But Not Forsaken ☆

by Helen Good Brenneman

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(4th Installment)

"Her face is not a baby's face," Maria whispered, pushing a strand of hair from the forehead of her youngest. It was a tired little face, almost void of childish expectation. Born in November, 1944, soon after Hans had been drafted into the German army, Lenie had been lugged around all of her two and a half years, taken hurriedly from place to place, ever westward. Tiny and undeveloped for her age, she had lived her short life without proper nutrition, with never enough milk, and always in an atmosphere of tension. Rosie, sleeping beside her, was a strange study in worldly wisdom, for she was old enough to reflect the fears of her elders. War, Maria thought, throws a cloak of maturity around her babies and marches her aged to the graves.

If only Hans, Big Hans, would hurry! Maria pulled the dark blanket over Rosie and stumbled toward the other side of the room, hoping that a glance from the window might catch him coming up the street. They would have to plead with a doctor to come, or else they would have to take Lenie somewhere to a doctor. Minutes dragged like hours as she lay there, tossing with fever. Maria repeated that Scripture over and over to herself, she tried to pray, she walked back and forth, she bathed Lenie's hot face. If she could only control the anxious beating of her heart! What time was it? She could go up and ask Frau Schmidt, but she didn't want to leave the children.

For what seemed the fiftieth time that day Maria tidied up the room, the crude furniture mute and cheerless. Over and over in her head drummed the words, "I wish he were here, I wish he were here—he must come—he must come."

As though her own motions would hurry Hans's arrival, Maria grabbed several potatoes from the sack, washed them, and put them in a pan to cook with the skins on. Then she walked swiftly over to the box where their tin plates were kept and, seizing them as though they were responsible for all her sorrows, placed them impatiently on the table. It was not like the mild Maria to act so, but she was almost frantic to see the face of the man she loved. She listened for his quick step in the hall, but in vain. In vain she walked back and forth to the window, but his lanky figure did not appear.

"If Hans would only come! Ah, Rosie, my dear, you don't know how fortunate you children are that your father is with us again." She stopped by the cot to lay her hand on the soft cheek, then turned toward the window, afraid of the fear that was growing within her, her fear for the baby Lenie.

The jagged elbow bones of the bombed-out building across the street were almost beautiful, silhouetted against a pink patch of heaven that stretched across the horizon and fingered off into the green-blueness of the rest of the sky. Maria sighed, her starving soul drinking in the beauty in swift, glad gulps. Rosie stirred, reaching out her hand for Maria.

"Rosie, Rosie," she called softly, almost reverently, like the day she had shown the cathedral to the children. "Rosie, I want to show you something. Come here."

She gathered the still yawning child in her arms. "Know this one thing, my child. They can bomb the cities people build if they want to, but no one, no one has ever bombed one of God's sunsets."

And it was then that the door opened, and the two Hanses entered arm in arm.

Tante Friesen stood in the doorway, this time calmer than the evening before, but gravely concerned with the rest of the family about the baby. For Lenie lay fretting and complaining of pains in her head. Tante returned the affectionate hug which Rosie gave her, looking over her head at the serious parents who stood searching one another's eyes, silently consulting about what to do next.

"Why don't you, Hansie and Rosie, come over to my room for awhile? I'll tell you a story," she offered, seeing that the children did not comprehend the situation and were making a nuisance of themselves. She was not their real Tante, but among the German-speaking people any one respected because of age or position is certain to fall heir to the title of aunt or uncle. Though she had not the remotest idea of what the story would be about, she braved the ordeal and scurried the children through the door, closing it quietly behind her.

"Maria, dear, I talked today with one of my friends on the job about finding a doctor. That's why I was late. He told me that if I could scrape up the train fare to Kornrade—it's only thirty-five kilometers from here—she was sure the Evan-

gelische sisters would not turn us away from their hospital. They are crowded—all hospitals are. But Lenie is so sick, they would surely make a place for her."

"But Hans, you can't take a sick child like this on a crowded train. I almost faint when I'm feeling well and have to jam through the mob at the station. Perhaps in her weakened condition she would catch something even worse."

Hans leaned over to examine the tiny flushed face once more, then straightened himself to his full height.

"Certainly the other passengers on the train are human. They won't ask me to hang on the outside with the child, and one look at her will cause anyone on the train to give me consideration."

He was trying to be optimistic, but he was as worried as she, Maria thought, watching him from her seat on the edge of the cot. She saw him walk briskly over to the other side of the room, carrying the candle along with him to the corner where he had hidden the marks. She heard him whispering under his breath as he counted them, and she tried to shut out of her mind the song which the children were singing to Tante Anni across the partition.

"Are you really going then, Hans?" Her voice quivered uncertainly as she asked it, for the thought of separation, even for a night, was a fearful one. So many of their Mennonite friends, thousands of them in fact, had been forcibly repatriated to Russia, that those still living in Communist-occupied territory were ever afraid of falling victim to the same fate.

"We had vowed that we wouldn't take another chance, even overnight. Couldn't we all go, Hans?" The question was ridiculously impossible and she knew it.

He had folded the marks in his own purse, had slipped them into his innermost pocket with his identification papers. Now he walked firmly over to her side and led her to the window.

"Maria, what else can we do but separate this once? We would barely have enough money to pay all of our train fare to the hospital, and then nothing would be left for the hospital bill or for food for tomorrow. If we did all go, where would we stay when we got there? The children will be so much better off in their beds here at home with you and Anni."

He paused.

"I know what you're thinking. Anni's nerves are on edge, and she has us all jumpy. But I don't think there's any reason to be afraid of them for the short time I'll be gone."

In the light of the candle Maria was beautiful. Her straight black hair, knotted neatly on her neck, set off a sensitive face. It was probably her fine perceptivity of the

feelings of others, as well as the suffering she herself had endured, that had caused her face to be marred with lines that had no business there.

Again Lenie gave a groan in her sleep, half opening her eyes and asking for another drink of water. Maria obeyed with an eagerness that hurt, and Hans slipped his arms around the baby girl.

"Please take her and go, Hans. I—we'll be all right. Take good care of her and God will take care of us all."

Hans was suddenly practical.

"Is there enough bread here and a few potatoes to last until we get back? If the nurse gives permission, I may leave Lenie there and come back in time to go to work some time tomorrow. I'll get full details to tell you, dearest, and please don't worry. We'll come back as soon as we can."

He took her in his arms for one brief moment and whispered something in her ear.

"Yes, Hans, and you pray, too, won't you? It does help."

He was not far from the kingdom. "I'll try," he grinned sheepishly as he lifted the child with tenderness, trying not to waken her. "Tell the children to come in, but quietly."

"Good-by, Hansie and Rosie," he whispered a moment later, when they came hurrying in, laughing until they saw that something was wrong.

"Papa is going to take Lenie to a hospital. He'll be back soon," Maria explained, noting that Hans had leaned over and kissed them both. With many misgivings she kissed the warm forehead of their youngest once more and watched Hans stride confidently off, nodding lovingly to them, unable to wave because of the bundle in his arms.

She stood there in the doorway with the children for what seemed like five minutes before any of them said anything. Afterward, lying in bed, she wondered whether thoughts were communicated from mother to child. For it seemed as though her own troubled thoughts had rushed with the warm blood from her heart, down her aching arms, through her wet, clammy hands, through the finger tips that clutched Hansie's hand, and up to his young fearful heart.

"Mother," he had asked, keeping his voice under control only with great effort, "do you think Lenie will really get well?"

CHAPTER IV

It had been a long, tedious day. Maria wondered, as she lay awake that evening between the two children, how she had ever endured it. Surely without God she could not have. All day she had been pacing to and from the window, hoping to see Hans and Lenie coming home to her again.

(To be continued)

Melbourne Crusade an Outstanding Success

The final meeting of Billy Graham's Melbourne Crusade on March 15 broke all records and established some new ones. A crowd of 135,000 not only packed the Melbourne Cricket Ground, scene of the Olympic Games three years ago, but thousands of them were allowed on the playing ground. (Previous record: 115,800 at a football final in 1956.) It provided one of the rare occasions when women were allowed in the Members' Stand. Some 4,107 persons signed decision cards, but "many hundreds" of persons could not be reached by counsellors who were deployed throughout the vast arena.

The final meeting also helped the Crusade set another record. Total attendance was 719,000, with 26,440 recorded decisions. Of those making decisions, 69 per cent were "first time" decisions for Christ, the rest were either seeking peace and comfort or rededicating their lives for Christian service.

After the first week of the four-week Crusade Graham reported that his left eye was bothering him to a greater degree, that "it felt tired all the time." After one message the evangelist said his vision in that eye was considerably blurred.

Several specialists in the United States were consulted by telephone. They directed him to a Melbourne ophthalmologist who prescribed daily treatments. Special medicine was flown to Graham from the United States.

Graham was suffering from angio-spastic edema of the macula, a rare ailment. He limited his speaking engagements to nightly public meetings. He preached no longer than 35 minutes. Aside from this Graham stood the strain remarkably well and was in excellent health.

As in all recent Graham Crusades, TV and the telephone were used extensively. Several meetings were broadcast throughout Australia each week and later re-broadcast over a special Graham Crusade telecast which blanketed the U.S. After the first TV program was aired in Australia—within one minute after the telephone number was given—all ten phones in the TV studio rang. More than 100 callers sought spiritual counsel within the next hour. This experience was repeated the second night with over 200 calls (147 callers made decisions, 88 claiming to be first time decisions). Some of the earliest calls were long-distance calls from homes up to 100 miles from Melbourne. Some elderly people, over 70 years of age, committed their lives to Christ. A dance band leader and his wife called from a southern suburb to say that by their television receiver they had found the Saviour, and would link again with their local

church after many years' absence. Two ladies in the same suburb were led to Christ within a few minutes of each other, and urged to contact each other, as well as their local ministers.

Graham, himself, provided the real clue as to why his meetings were blessed. He confided: "I attribute the success of the crusade to two main factors. Firstly, worldwide prayers. Thousands of persons in New York have been praying for the crusade. The same is true for every place in America and throughout the Western civilization. It has proved God does answer prayer. Secondly, to the splendid church support here. A number of ministers were skeptical when the crusade began, but now the overwhelming majority of the churches are working together to consolidate the spiritual awakening in Victoria which is becoming so evident.

The Central High School in India

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tian teachers, while teaching their assigned subjects, do not fail to witness for Christ in word, work or example. At occasional gatherings for discussions and tea we are very much encouraged by this intelligent group of workers with whom it is our privilege to share the diversified experiences that come in building, teaching and guiding about 400 students who are preparing to meet responsibilities in life. Mr. K. Chellaiah Rubin is our efficient and conscientious acting headmaster. Sister Wiebe and I would find it impossible to manage all the affairs of the growing school if it were not for Brother Chellaiah and associate teachers.

Students: Our Boys and Girls

The enrollment is now 372. Of this number, 223 are boys; 149 girls. By religions, the enrollment divides itself as follows: Christians 298, Hindus 57, and Moslems 17. We hope the 59 students in the 11th class will do well in the coming government examinations to be held in the month of March, 1959. We should have more children in the lower elementary school, but are told that parents send their children to other schools because of lower fees. Our school finances are such that we are compelled to collect fees to enable us to pay the teachers. The government kindly pays to our school a grant amounting to two-thirds of the teachers' salaries after fees have been deducted. We are thankful for this substantial grant and also for donations from the Board of Foreign Missions in America.

Demand for a Better Library and Laboratory

Teachers and students want more periodicals, modern books and library facilities. Such a desire is a healthy sign. The school should and would meet the demand if funds would allow. The librarian just before leaving for Christmas holidays placed before me a long list of books prepared by the India Book House with a sincere request to get at least 50 books. The physical instructor brought a list recommended by Oxford University Press and urgently asks for Rs. 60 worth of books to be added to the library. Doctor Blanchard of Ramapatnam Seminary sends a large list of books which we would like to add to the library. The science teachers request better equipment to be added to what we already have. A microscope and a barometer are to be added. We need better tables for experiments.

Athletics

Since the hostels are well supplied with milk powder and cheese from America via the good services of Church World Service, the boarders, boys and girls, are improving their athletic abilities. While I am writing this report, about 40 students and three teachers are participating in district sports in the Taluq town of Nagarkurnool. We hope they will again give good account of themselves and bring back some more cups.

We, the staff and students of Mennonite Brethren Central High School, request the prayers of God's people.

M. B. Board of General Welfare

— In Friesland, Paraguay, the Mennonite Brethren Bible School began this year's term on February 23. Fourteen students are enrolled in two classes. Teachers are the Brethren Harold Funk of Friesland and Heinrich Loewen of Fernheim. Both are graduates of the South American Conference Bible Institute.

— A Mennonite Brethren Church has recently been organized at Witmarsum, Brazil. Like churches in North America, this congregation needed a meeting place for worship, prayer and spiritual fellowship. This need was presented by the Board of General Welfare Office to the Mennonite Brethren Church at Henderson, Nebr., which responded with a contribution of more than \$1,000 for this purpose. This assistance will be greatly appreciated by the new Witmarsum Church. May the Lord bless this gift and the givers and grant that a strong lighthouse for the Gospel may be established in Brazil through this contribution.

— Baptism was held in Fernheim Colony, Paraguay, on March 1.

Twenty-four believers were baptized. Fourteen of them became members of the Mennonite Brethren Church, the others members of the General Conference Mennonite Church.

— Evangelical churches in Buenos Aires, Argentina, are planning another joint evangelistic effort in the city, according to *Mennoblatt*. Invited as evangelist for services from October 1 to 19 is Dr. C. Arrastia from Cuba. Brother Martin Duerksen is again serving as chairman of the planning and sponsoring committee. Billy Graham has promised to come to Buenos Aires during the first half of 1961 for an evangelistic crusade.

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RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

Visit Mission Outposts During Vacations

Taking a trip to visit missionary outposts is getting to be a major vacation habit for members of the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ). Since 1950, about 500 ordinary church-goers have gone on such denomination-sponsored tours to far-flung spots around the world, paying their own expenses.

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Being CO in France Is Hard

French conscientious objectors who have hitherto faced the possibility of repeated prison sentences may be in for a slightly happier future. As a result of a campaign organized by the pacifist periodical, *Liberte*, seven of the nine CO's who have served five or more years have been released, among them one who has spent nine years in prison. More than 100 men are still imprisoned. Belgian Mennonites have appealed to their government for legal recognition of conscientious objection. At present, CO's face the alternative of 18 months in prison or three years' work in the coal mines.

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B & F Bible Society Scriptures in 76 Languages Distributed in Canada

Over \$400,000 was sent to the Parent Society in London, England, for the world-wide work of translating, producing and distributing the Scriptures in 1958, it was reported at the annual meeting of The British and Foreign Bible Society in Canada, held recently at the Guild Inn, Scarborough, Ontario. This was an increase of \$100,000 over the previous year.

In Canada over 300,000 Scriptures in 76 different languages were circulated by the Bible Society in 1958. Over 68,000 of these were free grants to new citizens, Hungarian refugees, students, needy families and others.

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Teaching S.S. in Hospital

Mrs. Ward Merritt never missed teaching her Sunday school class for 27 years. Recently when she was taken to the hospital for an emergency appendectomy, it looked as though Mrs. Merritt's teaching record was in danger; but when Sunday came her entire class was with her—in her hospital room! They had driven 13 miles from where the church is located to attend the class.

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Theological Conference At Wheaton College

Wheaton College's Graduate School is sponsoring the ninth an-

nual theological conference on the Wheaton campus April 20. Dr. Steven Barabas, professor of theology, is chairman of arrangements. The conference is open to pastors, teachers, and laymen. Theme for this year's program is "Preaching for Results." Visiting lecturers will be Dr. A. W. Tozer and Dr. Joseph C. Macauley.

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Cuban Crisis and Bible Distribution

An increased program of Scripture distribution to reach homes without Bibles in Cuba has been announced by the Cuban Home Bible League. During the past two months thousands of copies of the Scriptures have been placed among members of the rebel army. A fertile field for the sowing of the Word has also been found among supporters of the Batista regime who are now jailed and waiting sentence.

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Scofield Bible Has Golden Anniversary

To celebrate the Golden Anniversary of the publication of the Scofield Reference Bible in 1909 the Oxford University Press has released a 16-page booklet. *The Story of the Scofield Reference Bible* was written by Dr. Frank E. Gaebelain, noted evangelical author and educator, headmaster of the Stony Brook School. Some 50,000 copies of the booklet have been printed and are now being distributed through churches and schools.

A team of nine evangelical scholars under the supervision of Dr. E. Schuyler English, including Dr. Gaebelain, is in the midst of a second revision of the reference work which the booklet asserts "is today the most widely known reference edition of the Bible in the English language." The first revision was made by Dr. Cyrus Ingerson Scofield in 1917 and has gone through "several hundred printings." The committee now working on a second revision since 1954 has reached the point where the publishers have tentatively scheduled its publication in 1963.

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Church-Sponsored Program Brings 116 Foreign Students to Michigan

Foreign exchange teenagers—116 this year—from eight countries are living in private homes and going to school in Michigan communities under the Youth for Understanding program sponsored by the Michigan Council of Churches. Mrs. Rachel B. Andresen of Ann Arbor, program director, also reported that last summer 228 American high

school students returned visits in their friends' homes in Western Europe.

The State Department contributes to the program with grants in aid but most of the visiting students' expenses are borne by the host families under the direct sponsorship of church councils in two counties and Flint, Lansing and Grand Rapids.

"Students from abroad are placed in their age group in our schools and are treated like members of the family they live with, washing dishes and doing chores with the rest," Mrs. Andresen said. Before they leave for home, she added, they have a pretty good picture of America and a host of new friends.

Overseas, the same conditions hold, with the European parents being responsible for all family life, fun and discipline. After an orientation period with their counsellors in Amsterdam, the U.S. young people go to their host families for two months. Only one American student goes to the same town or city.

A new phase of the program, the Michigan Chorale, launched last year, proved so successful it is being repeated. Seventy-five youthful wandering minstrels gave 52 concerts in Germany in 65 days and lived with over 800 families in 12 towns.

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Gospels of John for Italy

Leaders of the Assemblies of God in Italy announced a goal of two million copies in their current campaign to distribute copies of the Gospel of John throughout Italy. A quarter million already have been distributed. The two million Gospels are being paid for, in part, by Assemblies of God Sunday schools in the U.S. through the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade, and partly by "World Gospel Crusades." Distribution will be stepped up through a series of ten-day evangelistic campaigns to be held in key Italian cities. The first campaign in the series will begin at two theatres in Bologna, April 12.

Extension Sunday School Well Received

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Several weeks ago, after the snow-storm had kept us out of our own church in the morning, the afternoon Sunday school had a near record attendance. Fathers were out first thing in the morning shoveling out the driveways "to take the kids to Sunday school."

We have used many special attractions to interest the children to come back next time. Such things as film strips, instrumental music, special singing, a tape recorder, films, flannelgraphs and object lessons were used to keep the interest there, while always the Word of

God was sown in the hearts of the children.

At Christmas, the children gave a fine program. Attendance at the program was better than at the annual Christmas concert. The Gospel was presented at that time and many parents said, "Keep up the good work."

Besides the classes, we have had times of recreation and fun with the children. In summer we had a picnic and in the winter a skating party. The skating party was held on a Saturday afternoon before the regular Sunday school Sunday, and as the children went to their homes, the chorus of "See you tomorrow in Sunday school," was one of the greatest rewards a Sunday school teacher could ever get here on earth.

It is our prayer that we may be able to lead these children to the Lord. Plans are being made to get the parents to come with the children and, in time, to have regular church services there. We would greatly appreciate the prayers of our readers, that in time whole families will be coming to church and Sunday school together, and that many might be saved.

The teachers taking part in the work are Lydia Nikkel, Esther Dyck, Dave Froese, Martha Schmidt, A. Dyck Jr.

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Church Sponsors Worker's Conference

Virgil, Ont. — The Niagara Mennonite Brethren Church, Niagara-on-the-Lake, held a Sunday School Workers' Conference on March 14-15.

Rev. Wilmer Kornelson, principal of the M. B. Bible School at Kitchener, served as the speaker. His topics were child study and pedagogy. Though the time seemed limited we were given a good introduction to all the age groups and practical helps in presenting the lessons. We were challenged anew to shoulder the responsibility which is ours as Sunday school workers and also as parents.

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Elderly Elmwood Member Dies

Winnipeg, Man. — Mr. Peter A. Dueck, 83, of Winnipeg, Man., passed away on April 3 at his home. Funeral services were held from the Elmwood M. B. church on April 7, with Rev. I. W. Redekopp officiating. Burial was in the Springstein, Man., cemetery.

Mr. Dueck was born in Russia, coming to Canada in 1926. The family settled at Oak Bluff, where they were on a farm until 1944. At the present time the Duecks were living on 47 Cobourg Ave., Winnipeg.

He is survived by his second wife, two sons, six daughters, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Weddings

Wall—Janzen

Miss Charlotte Janzen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Janzen of Abbotsford, B.C., and Peter Wall, son of Mrs. Mary Wall, formerly of Abbotsford but now of Vancouver, were married on March 30 in the South Abbotsford M. B. church. Rev. C. D. Toews officiated, assisted by Rev. P. J. Froese.

Eric Janzen of Kelowna was best man, while the bride was attended by her sister Lorie. During the service a ladies' trio composed of Mary and Betty Klassen and Katy Mueller sang "Bless This House."

Friends had come for the wedding from White Rock, Chilliwack, Yarrow, Coaldale, Alta., and Burnaby, B.C.

Future Subscribers

Born to Neil and Nettie (nee Klassen) Penner of Tulameen, B.C., a daughter, Edith Suzanne, on March 20, a sister for Ruth.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Brown of Foam Lake, Sask., a son on March 30—a brother for Betty, Ruth and Rita.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dave Schulz, Jr., Chilliwack, B.C., a boy, Stanley James, on March 21, 1959, a brother for Ronnie, Melvin and Janice.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dick, Chilliwack, B.C., a girl, Carol Ann, on March 13, 1959, a sister for Kenneth and Clifford.

Obituaries

Mr. Henry Kenke

Mr. Henry Kenke, 64, of Foam Lake, Sask., passed away on March 20 in the local hospital. Death was attributed to cancer. Funeral services were held from the Foam Lake M. B. church.

Mr. Kenke was born November 9, 1894, at Wolyn, Poland. In 1921 he was married to Annie Hilsberg. They came to Foam Lake, Sask., in 1927 and lived on a farm. He joined the M. B. Church here in 1939. In December he entered the hospital at Saskatoon, where he underwent an operation in January. He was released shortly, but entered the local hospital on February 25, where he died on March 20. All the members of the family were home for the funeral service.

He is survived by his wife, Annie; four children: Tillie (Mrs. B. Smith of Flin Flon, Man.; Eric Kenke of Flin Flon; Jean (Mrs. Peter Stefanyshyn) of Winnipeg; and Albert

Kenke of Foam Lake; one sister, Mrs. C. Winslow of Janzen, Sask.; and nine grandchildren.

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Mr. Henry Funk

Mr. Henry Funk, 95, of Yarrow, B.C., passed away on March 23 at the Abbotsford Cottage Hospital. Funeral services were held from the Yarrow M. B. church on March 28, with Rev. H. Lenzmann officiating.

Mr. Funk was born in South Russia on April 29, 1853, and came to Canada in 1901. He was married in Russia in 1883 to Miss Anna Redekop, who predeceased him in 1942.

He is survived by one son, Henry, of Vancouver; five daughters, Mrs. D. Sawatsky, Abbotsford; Mrs. Frank Sawatsky, Sardis, Mrs. I. Peters, Vancouver, Mrs. H. Willms, Abbotsford, and Mrs. G. Sawatsky, Yarrow; and one sister, Mrs. C. Redekop of Waldheim, Sask.



Tenth Group of Trainees Comes to USA in 1959

The European Selection Committee (Peter Dyek, Erwin Goering, Milton Harder and Doreen Harms, with Elmira Kliewer sitting in) met March 6 to examine the student and trainee applications received during the last several months and to recommend to Akron those persons who should be given the opportunity of going to America. Thirty-eight trainees were recommended and the names of seven students interested in attending Mennonite colleges submitted to the various colleges.

Akron has approved the trainee appointments. Final acceptance of foreign students rests with the Mennonite colleges.

A breakdown of the 38 prospective trainees follows: Germany 18, Netherlands 14, Switzerland 3, France 2, Greece 1. Several candidates from South America and possibly the Far East may be included later.

This will be the tenth group of trainees to come to America. In 1957 Paul Bender, then serving in Heerwegen, Holland, made a study of this program. His findings were encouraging. Understanding between North American communities and churches and those of the trainees' countries is growing as a result of this project, hence MCC is interested in continuing and enlarging the program.

Sponsors are needed, as usual, to provide homes for these trainees for their first six-month period in the US. Most families who have participated in this program have found the experience meaningful and rewarding.

Second Meeting With Russian Baptists Planned

Russian Baptist leaders will be coming to USA in August to meet with the Baptist World Alliance in Rochester, N.Y. MCC hopes to make arrangements to meet with these leaders as a continuation of the 1956 fellowship, when a delegation of five Russian Baptists met with a representative group of Mennonites in Chicago.

School Project Gathers Momentum

"Nearly 10 new students registered for the coming school year, bringing the total up to 160 students," reports Paxman Dean Wyse from Ampipal, Nepal.

"We had to build a porch along one side of the school to accommodate the crowd. It shows that people have confidence in us here that we are giving their children as good an education as can be had in this country."

A team of five Paxmen serve with the international United Mission to Nepal in its hospital and school construction program. Wyse is stationed at a mountain mission outpost where he is head carpenter for a Community Service Program and has supervised the building of a dispensary and a school.

The development of the school project is encouraging. Especially significant is the changed attitude of several high caste men, who a year ago led a half-hearted political demonstration against the Mission. This year they are registering their boys for school.

Other villages in the district are requesting schools, but these cannot be started because there simply are no teachers. Realizing that the way to get teachers is to train them locally, the mission director has started a teacher training school for four students who will be placed in villages next fall. Another missionary and his family have arrived at the outpost to help develop the agricultural aspect of the project.

News Briefs

— Dr. Herbert Friesen reports a total of 45,445 clinic visits in 1958 for the four Javanese Mennonite clinics which MCC is helping to operate in the Pakis area. Milk distribution continues to be a much needed program and is carried out on a large scale. However, it is still limited to families with very small children, pregnant women and TB patients.

— A lone Paxman, Otis E. Hochstetler (Goshen, Ind.), serving as pastoral assistant in the Vienna Methodist Church, one of the few Protestant churches in the city, writes that he has started to tape record Sunday morning worship

services. The tapes are played for the sick during the week. Besides performing other church duties he assists in the Methodist Church Refugee Home which Paxmen helped establish after the Hungarian revolution.

— From Ohain, Belgium, Paxman David Burkholder reports that unseasonable weather has accelerated indoor renovations at the Belgian Mennonite Center. The huge attic of the 75-year old chateau has been converted into a spacious 30-bed dormitory and lounge for summer camp children. Sheets of masonite building board were used for floors, walls and ceiling with satisfactory results.

VS unit members at Junior Village, Washington, report that they are given opportunity to contribute to the spiritual life of the Village community by teaching Sunday school classes. One of the girls also serves as chapel organist.

Faith Is a Journey

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and though one now and again may drop a tear as proof of his sincerity, it is hard to escape the conclusion that most of them are stooping to patronize the Lord of glory much as a young couple might fawn on a boresome but rich old uncle in order to be mentioned in his will later on.

We will never be completely honest with our hearers until we tell them the blunt truth that as members of a race of moral rebels they are in a serious jam, and one they will not get out of easily. If they refuse to repent and believe on Christ they will most surely perish; if they do turn to Him, the same enemies that crucified Him will try to crucify them. One way they suffer alone without hope; the other way they suffer with Christ for a while, but in the midst of their suffering they enjoy His loving consolation and inward support and are able to rejoice even in tribulation.

Those first believers turned to Christ with the full understanding that they were espousing an unpopular cause that could cost them everything. They knew they would henceforth be members of a hated minority group with life and liberty always in jeopardy.

This is no idle flourish. Shortly after Pentecost some were jailed, many lost all their earthly goods, a few were slain outright and hundreds "scattered abroad."

They could have escaped all this by the simple expedient of denying their faith and turning back to the world; but this they steadfastly refused to do.

Seen thus in comparison with each other, is the Christianity of American evangelicalism today the same as that of the first century? I wonder. But again I don't wonder. I think I know.

BIBLE INSTITUTES

Mennonite Brethren Bible School, Kitchener, Ont.

On Saturday, March 21, the Bible school commenced its annual church tour. Leamington was the first church visited. The program consisted of singing by the school choir and trio, a brief analysis of the history and importance of the Bible schools by Rev. Henry Warkentin, a testimony by Gary Enns, one of the students, and a sermon by Rev. Wilmer Kornelson.

Following the Sunday morning worship service, in which the Bible school served with message and song, we left for Port Rowan. The program was similar to that presented in Leamington, with a few changes. Peter Schmidt, a student, gave the testimony, and Rev. John Epp delivered the message.

In our stay at Leamington and Port Rowan we were impressed with the kind hospitality we received from both churches.

The Bible school has not only been visiting, but it has been visited as well. One of the visitors was Mr. Harry Loewen, a student at Waterloo College, who served us in chapel one morning. Another was Mr. Harvey Taves, director of the MCC in Canada. He showed us a film entitled, "If Ye Have Love," which pictured the MCC work in various areas of Europe and Asia. In closing, he pointed out the need for voluntary service in the MCC and challenged us to enter this type of Christian summer service.

COLLEGES

Tabor College

Appointed to Music Post

The president's office at Tabor College has announced the appointment of Larry Feil, Sac City, Iowa, as instructor of instrumental music effective September 1. He will devote most of his time to the instrumental field, but will also assist in vocal music.

Feil, who has taught in the Sac City high school since 1956, holds a Master of Arts degree in Music Education from Colorado State College, Greeley. His undergraduate work includes two years at Tabor (1948-'50) and two at Mankato State College, Mankato, Min., where he graduated with a B.S. in Music Education in 1952.

After two years of service with the Army in Korea from 1952 to 1954, he taught in the public schools of Brewster, Minnesota, before continuing his graduate studies. In addition to his teaching experience, he has directed church choirs, served as a counselor for youth groups, and played in the Sac City municipal band.

Awarded Science Grant

William J. Johnson, chairman of the chemistry department at Tabor College and presently on a one-year leave of absence to continue graduate study toward his doctoral degree, is one of twelve students at Kansas State University, Manhattan, to be awarded fellowships under two new programs set up by the National Science Foundation.

Johnson will receive a grant for a twelve-week period of advanced chemistry study and research this summer. The fellowships specify that the recipients must have completed at least one year of teaching prior to their appointment. National Science Foundation grants are given in mathematical, physical, medical, biological, and engineering sciences, and in social sciences of a mathematical or scientific nature.

Johnson will resume his teaching duties at the College this fall.

Mennonite Brethren Bible College

An excited group of thirty-five students, their conductor, Henry Voth, and the driver of a Thiessen Transportation vehicle, Mr. Ed Giesbrecht, left the grounds of the Mennonite Brethren Bible College on Thursday evening, March 25, on the annual A Cappella Choir tour. This year it found its destination in Ontario.

Though the churches of the Ontario constituency were our chief concern, the return trip found us including a brief visit and performance at Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana.

All who took part in this excursion feel it was a worthwhile effort and gained immeasurably both in appreciation of our associated churches and fellow believers in Ontario and in a new realization of God's greatness as revealed in nature.

We travelled all through the night of March 25 as well as through the following day, making a stop Friday night at Mackinaw City close to the beautiful Mackinac Bridge. Here we obtained a night's lodging for all but two of the entire group.

Next day, Saturday, we were again on our way, passing through Sarnia customs in the early afternoon and arriving in Port Rowan, Ont., at 7:45 p.m. A very cordial group was on hand to welcome us, and after a brief practice session we dispersed into the various homes of the district.

The Sunday morning service was made complete in that Rev. J. A. Toews, who was ministering in St. Catherines, came to join us and to speak during the service.

After dinner at our respective foster homes, our by now very familiar bus took us to Kitchener. Here we were served a tasty meal and also lifted up in spirit by the appearance of Dr. F. C. Peters, who

was the speaker at the evening service.

The night was spent at Kitchener in the very hospitable homes of residents of that city. The following morning an ambitious group toured a tire plant as well as Waterloo College, finding the former rather pungent in odour and the latter lofty in its scholastic air.

The afternoon service was held at Hamilton Chapel, where we again met Rev. John Unger. On this occasion Jake Dueck gave the message of the afternoon.

The next stop was at Vineland. Here again we were invited into the various homes and treated in a kindly manner. The evening service was well-attended and we enjoyed singing. From here Rev. J. A. Toews became a permanent member of our group, presenting all the messages and making all introductions.

On Tuesday afternoon we had the privilege of singing at the Bethesda Home and touring the buildings as well as making a brief visit to the Mennonite Old Folks Home in Vineland.

Then it was off to Virgil where again a delicious supper was served us. A unique feature here was that the young people of the choir of the Virgil Church joined us, making it a pleasant and informative period.

Tuesday evening's program was presented in the Virgil M. B. church, while Wednesday, following a most interesting and enjoyable tour of the Niagara peninsula plus a breathtaking view of the Niagara Falls, we were in the Niagara M. B. church, where Harvey Gossen of the college choir formerly had strong affiliation and responsibility.

Our final service in this region of Ontario was at the St. Catherines M. B. church on Thursday evening. Early Friday morning we left for Leamington, the city famous as the home of "Heinz 57 Varieties." We were most delighted with the free samples we all received upon completion of a tour of the Heinz plant.

Leamington church again showed warm hospitality in serving us a delicious supper, as also in the invitation into their homes following the evening service.

Saturday's travelling brought us to Goshen, Indiana, in the late afternoon. Because we did not have to present a program that night it was an opportunity for all to get some much-needed sleep.

The Sunday morning service provided an opportunity to fellowship with those who, though not of our denomination, share a common heritage. It was a most unique and enjoyable experience.

Some extensive travelling through Sunday afternoon and night, and Monday morning and afternoon with a few stops for physical refreshment enabled us to arrive home in Winnipeg again at 3:30 in the afternoon.

The long-awaited tour which had

taken us through North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Ontario was over.

Our prayer is that even as we have gained immeasurably from this time of spiritual fellowship, those whom we have served may have gained in like manner.

Hilda Wiebe.

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Church Secretary Dies After Brief Illness

Winnipeg, Man. — Miss Olga Hiebert, 32, of Winnipeg, Man., passed away in Misericordia Hospital after a brief hospitalization. When diagnosed, cancer was in the late stages internally.

Funeral services are to be held from the Grossweide M. B. church on April 11 at 2 p.m.

Miss Hiebert served as church secretary for the Gospel Light M. B. Church and has been pianist and organist in the church since the

beginning of regular services. She has also served faithfully as pianist and with preparation of refreshments at the Union Gospel Mission for at least eight years. Absolutely reliable and very efficient, Miss Hiebert is missed very much at the Gospel Light M. B. Church.

Since she came to Winnipeg from Lowe Farm, Man., in the late forties Miss Hiebert has worked at The Christian Press, Ltd., and for the last ten years at Guertin Bros.

She is survived by her parents, two brothers, Art in Winnipeg and Allan at home, and one sister, Mrs. Abe C. Klassen, Winkler.

Important questions related to expansion of school facilities will be under discussion. The executive has issued an urgent plea for full representation and participation.

On the Horizon

April 9 to 12. The Mennonite Brethren Church in India will meet during these days at Mahbubnagar for its conference. Prayer is requested for the conference.

April 11 and 12. — The closing and graduation exercises of the Swift Current Bible Institute will be held these evenings.

April 12—Closing program and graduation of the Winkler Bible School, Winkler, Man.

April 12. — A Camp Arnes children's reunion will be held at 2:30 p.m. in the North Kildonan M. B. church, Winnipeg.

April 12 to 19. — Evangelistic meetings to be held at the Niagara M. B. church. The speaker is Rev. John G. Baerg, pastor of the Virgil M. B. Church.

April 17 to 19. — Seminar on Race Relations by Mennonite Central Committee Peace Section at the Woodlawn Mennonite church, Chicago.

April 18. — The choir of the Bethany Bible Institute will sing "The Crucifixion" and part of the "Messiah" at 7:30 p.m. at Hepburn, Sask.

April 18 and 19. — The closing conference of the Bethany Bible Institute at Hepburn, Sask., will have Rev. A. H. Wieler, principal of the M. B. Bible Institute, Clearbrook, B.C., as guest speaker. The baccalaureate service will be held the afternoon of April 19 and the graduation exercises that evening.

April 19. — Graduation exercises of the M. B. Bible Institute at Clearbrook, B.C.

April 26. — Annual Youth Workers' Conference of the Manitoba M. B. churches, to be held at Springstein M. B. church.

May 1—The students of the M. B. Collegiate Institute, Winnipeg, will present a musical program.

May 24—The closing program and graduation of the M.B. Collegiate Institute, Winnipeg.

May 31—Graduation exercises of the M.B. Bible College, Winnipeg.

June 5 and 6—Conference of the Mennonite Brethren churches in Manitoba.

June 10 to 14. — Annual conference of the Evangelical Mennonite Brethren churches in North America, to be held at Grace Bible Institute, Omaha, Neb.

July 4 to 8. — Canadian Mennonite Brethren Conference at Hepburn, Sask.

July 4 to 9. — Annual sessions of Conference of Mennonites in Canada at Clearbrook, B.C.

July 31 to August 2. — The annual provincial Sunday school conference of the M. B. churches in Manitoba will be held at Winkler Bible Camp, Burwalde.

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